

Turkey Seasons on Private Lands and WMAs

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Game Zone 1 2 3 4 & 5 Private Lands

Possession and use of tags required. April 1 - May 1

Limit 5 gobblers per season, no more than 2 per day, except 2 total gobblers for Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Horry, Lee, Lexington, Marion, Marlboro, Richland and Sumter Counties.

Game Zone 6 Private Lands

Possession and use of tags required.

March 15 - May 1

Limit 5 gobblers statewide, no more than 2 per day

Statewide Youth Day

March 28

Limit 2 gobblers

Possession and use of tags required.

General turkey hunting laws and regulations for hunting on private & WMA lands

- Sunday hunting allowed on private lands (SC 50-11-555). No Sunday hunting allowed on WMA land (Reg. 123-51).
- Statewide limit of 5 gobblers, no more than 2 per day (Reg. 123-51).
- All hunters, including hunters younger than 16, must possess a set of turkey tags. All harvested turkeys must be tagged prior to transporting. No person may possess more than one set of turkey tags (SC 50-11-544).
- Legal weapons - shotguns, muzzleloading shotguns, bows and crossbows. All other weapons or methods are prohibited including rifles, pistols, buckshot (50-11-500, Reg. 123-51).
- Turkeys may not be hunted with dogs, live decoys or electronic calls (SC 50-11-40, Reg. 123-51).
- Unlawful to shoot any turkey between 30 minutes after official sunset and 30 minutes before official sunrise. Unlawful to take or attempt to take a wild turkey from a vehicle on a public road. Unlawful to trap or snare wild turkey. Unlawful to take wild turkey from a watercraft (SC 50-11-500).
- Unlawful to hunt or take a wild turkey by means of bait or on or over any baited area (50-11-510). Bait means placing, depositing, exposing, distributing, or scattering of salt, corn, wheat, or other grain, or foodstuffs to constitute a lure or attraction for wild turkeys. NOTE: The following activities can result in a baited area if done prior to or during turkey season: discing or manipulating chufa to expose the tubers; mowing or manipulating standing grain crops where grain is scattered or exposed; top sowing of any grains.

Wildlife Management Areas Open to Turkey Hunting April 1 - May 1

AREAS OPEN

	BAG
¹ Keowee WMA	2
Fants Grove WMA	2
Francis Marion Hunt Unit (WMA Only)	2
Sand Hills State Forest WMA	2
⁴ Webb-Palachucola	2
Manchester State Forest WMA (Wed-Sat Only)	2
Moultrie Hunt Unit (Wed & Sat Only)	2
Bluefield WMA (Adult/youth Only, Wed & Sat Only)	2
Santee Dam WMA	2
Edisto River WMA (Wed. Only)	2
⁴ Oak Lea WMA (Wed Only)	2
Marsh Furniture WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2
McBee WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	2
Hickory Top WMA	2
³ Pee Dee Station Site WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1
⁵ Great Pee Dee River WMA (Wed & Sat Only)	1
Tillman Sand Ridge WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	2
Lewis Ocean Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Waccamaw River HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Bucksport WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Cartwheel Bay HP (Fri & Sat Only)	1
³ Little Pee Dee River Complex (Fri & Sat Only)	1
Victoria Bluff WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	1
² Crackerneck WMA (Fri & Sat Only)	5
Worth Mountain WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Draper WMA (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Wee Tee State Forest (Wed. & Sat Only)	2
Woodbury WMA (Wed-Sat Only)	2
⁴ Hamilton Ridge WMA	2
Aiken Gopher Tortoise HP WMA	2
Longleaf Pine HP WMA (Wed. & Sat. Only)	2

Statewide Youth Hunt Day (Tags required) March 28
See page 57 for WMAs open on youth day.

SAVANNAH RIVER SITE DRAW HUNTS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Savannah River Site will hold a draw hunt for persons

with disabilities in April. For hunt applications, contact Illana Burkhardt, NWTF, 800-843-6983 ext. 7421

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC HUNT DRAWINGS

Donnelley WMA, Santee Cooper WMA & Bonneau Ferry WMA (Adult/Youth).
Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing ONLY. To receive an application, please write: SCDNR Turkey Hunts, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-734-3886. Deadline for applications is February 29.

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The turkey season for all US Army Corps of Engineers lands, in Game Zones 1 and 2, is the same as the WMA turkey season unless otherwise posted.

CAROLINA SANDHILLS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Turkey hunts available by public hunt drawing only. Contact: Carolina Sandhills NWR, 23734 Hwy 1, McBee, SC 29101 or call 843-335-6026

¹ Keowee WMA - Shotguns only -- north of Hwy 123 and west of the Keowee Arm of Lake Hartwell to Hwy 291 and west of Hwy 291. Archery Only on other sections.

² Crackerneck WMA - Main gate opens at 4:30 am and closed at 1:00 pm. All hunters must check in and out at main gate.

³ Little Pee Dee River Complex includes Tilghman, Dargan (including upper Gunter's Is. and Huggins tracts), Little Pee Dee River, and Ward Heritage Preserves in portions of Horry and Marion counties.

⁴ On Webb, Palachucola, Hamilton Ridge and Oak Lea WMAs, all turkey hunters must pick up and return data cards daily to kiosk and display hang tags on vehicles. Harvested turkeys must be checked in at the self-check kiosk located adjacent to the check stations at the respective properties.

⁵ On Pee Dee Station site WMA and Great Pee Dee River WMA, all hunters must pickup and return data cars at kiosk.

How to get Turkey Tags.

Most hunters now receive their turkey tags by mail. Tags are mailed in late February. Look at your hunting license to determine if you will receive your tags by mail. If "turkey tags" or "turkey tags will be sent by DNR" appears on the license then you should get the tags by mail. If you do not get the tags by mail, they will be available at DNR offices and some local vendors that sell hunting licenses beginning the first week in March. They are also available online, beginning the first of February, at www.dnr.sc.gov/turkeytags/.